WHO has declared the recent Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19) epidemic affecting 176 countries as International Public Health Emergency of International Concern. Globally 2,66,073 confirmed cases and 1,1184 deaths reported from WHO. Till now India reported 341 positive cases and 5 death reported. In this context, Madhya Pradesh state has strengthened the surveillance and control measures against the disease. Till date 1208 travellers from Corona affected countries have been identified and 709 are under home isolation and 405 completed their observation period. 75 samples are sent to NIV Pune, Indra Gandhi Govt. Medical college, Nagpur, AIIMS Bhopal & NIRTH Jabalpur for testing out of which 5 samples are positive, 48 samples are negative & 22 sample awaited. 104 call centre is activated at state level for call receiving about information and guidance for COVID-19. Till now 3760 calls has attended. Screenings of passengers coming from affected countries are going on Indore, Bhopal, Jabalpur and Gwalior Airport. Till now 12,576 passengers are screened.

State Government issued advisories to Chief Medical and Health Officers about case definitions, sample collection, transportation and preparedness to control and contain Noval Corona Virus Disease. Public should follow the cough etiquette by covering the nose and mouth using handkerchief/towel.

While sneezing/coughing. Do frequent hand washing with soap and water. Those who have arrived from the corona affected countries should remain under strict home isolation for 28 days from the date of arrival in India.

State Surveillance Unit is in regular contact with Central Surveillance Unit IDSP New Delhi for update new guidelines and advisories. Enrolment of new suspected.

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